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Dear Prospective Bidder:

On 07/03/2012, at 01:00 PM, sealed bids will be opened in the Francis Marion Ranger District Office, Huger, SC for the FM IP Row Thin sale. This sale is located in Charleston County, about 5 miles northeast of Cainhoy, SC. in the southwestern tip of the Francis Marion NF. Access to the sale area is via Halfway Creek Road, Guerin's Bridge Road and a county road extending easterly from the intersection of Halfway Creek and Guerin's Bridge Roads. Timber sale Contract 2400-6 will be used. The termination date for this sale is 06/30/2014.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 14,159 Ton. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

| Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure | | | | | | | Required Deposits | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Species | Product | Unit of Measure | Estimated Quantities | Average DBH | Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates | Base Rates | Slash Disposal | Road Maintenance |
| Southern Yellow Pine | Sawtimber | Ton | 264.00 | N/A | \$14.89 | \$1.39 | \$0.00 | \$0.08 |
| Softwood - Other | Non-Saw | Ton | 13,895.00 | N/A | \$9.61 | \$1.37 | \$0.00 | \$0.08 |
| | Total | Ton | 14,159.00 | | | | \$0.00 | \$1,132.72 |

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$137,461.91 for the biddable species.

There is a \$13,800.00 bid guarantee required on this sale.

For reviewing and/or copies of the prospectus bid form, sale area map, sample contract, and other related documents please visit our web site: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/francismariontimbersales.

If you wish further information on this sale, the prospectus and bid form, please write or call the Francis Marion Ranger District Office, 2967 Steed Creek Road, Huger, SC. The phone number to call is (843) 336-2229.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dent Contracting Officer

Enclosure